and Bangalore has increased considerably and always there is long waiting list; and

(b) whether Government will consider introducing one more daily train from Bangalore to Delhi and Delhi to Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Waiting list of train is a variable factor, which varies not only from day-to-day but also from time-to-time within the same date.

(b) Introduction of trains and increase in frequency of trains is a continuous process and is dependent on traffic pattern, availability of resources and operational feasibility. A new tri-weekly train service between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Yeshwantpur is proposed to be introduced in 2003-04.

Halt to Intercity at Talcher

1828. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand for providing a halt of Intercity Express at Talcher in Orissa is pending with the South East Railway;

(b) whether a demonstration (Rasta Roko) was organised by the people for a halt at the above station; and

(c) if so, the time by which this demand of the people will be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Stoppage of 8303/8304 Bhubaneswar-Sambalpur Intercity Express at Talcher has been examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints at Talcher and availability of alternative services.

Bilaspur Railway Zone

†1829. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount released so far, after the declaration regarding creation of Bilaspur railway zone;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.